

SWELLING THE RANKS.

ANOTHER LONG ARRAY OF NAMES
AGAINST ANNEXATION.

Proof Positive that Bloomfielders Have No Desire to be Attached to Newark—General Opposition to It Throughout the Town.

In the issue of the *Citizen* of February 22 a long list of names of people who had signed a remonstrance against annexation to Newark was published. A number of names were received too late for publication, and the original list, with the additional names, is given in this week's issue. This published list does not by any means represent the number of people who have signed against annexation.

Copies of the petition are in the hands of different people throughout the town, and it is estimated that upwards of one thousand names have been obtained.

The following is the petition and the list of names:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We, the undersigned, owners of real estate, voters and residents of the town of Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey, hereby declare ourselves opposed to the annexation of the said town of Bloomfield to the city of Newark, in said county and State.

David Oakes,
Kenneth G. Duffield,
Howard M. Thomas,
Frederick M. Davis,
Walter L. Brice,
Wright L. Gilbert,
A. C. Barry,
A. B. Hunt,
Joseph M. Omer,
Edwin M. Smith,
E. E. Baldwin,
Chas. M. Robinson,
Everett H. Brown,
C. P. Stevens,
Charles A. Venable,
E. L. R. Cadmus,
John F. Mathews,
Solomon Harris,
J. W. Smith,
E. C. Roush,
J. G. Roworth, Jr.,
William E. Eiler,
Joseph Law,
Frank V. Oakes,
D. N. Whitney,
Daniel Schuch,
Edw. C. Brown,
L. K. Steward,
Thos. P. Anderson,
Gedlore C. Sedert.

J. H. Dresser,
Harry S. Banghart,
Lawrence Shorter,
Wm. A. Ritcher, Jr.,
Arthur Teal,
Francis A. Teal,
Harry Taylor,
John Jenkins,
W. A. Francis,
S. T. Toman,
F. H. Teal,
Cyrus F. Pierson,
John Collins,
J. I. Taylor,
Edward Lancaster,
R. A. Schieler,
Wallace Cadmus,
Frank L. Baker,
Frank P. Cadmus,
Arthur W. Graham,
Charles F. Herring,
Louis B. Harrison,
Wm. R. Hall,
F. E. Moore,
George Hunt,
Howard R. Davis,
Jay L. Adams,
C. H. Baldwin,
Charles E. Hoyt,
J. G. Johnston,
George E. Hoyer,
W. H. Pierson,
Wm. H. Burns,
M. P. Nash,
W. F. Kitchburn,
J. Herbert Wood,
Thomas Agnew,
Thomas Agnew, Jr.,
Samuel Moore,
Charles G. Jaeger,
Charles A. Hall,
Thomas F. Cadmus,
C. M. Johnson,
Thomas L. Dancer,
Frank N. Unanue,
John F. Vogt,
Charles K. Ferguson,
Frank A. Bell,
Harry Washington,
Patrick Callan,
James Callan,
Michael Dunn,
S. Stern,
John A. Jamison,
Raymond Daniels,
Willis Hubbard,
T. A. Ralshock,
C. L. Potter,
Fred J. Hall,
Augustus F. Olsen,
Charles O. Johnson,
G. B. Nutman,
Wm. B. Wyman,
James M. Walker,
Charles Fredericks,
A. W. Bodinbach,
Louis Olsen,
George W. Cantell,
F. L. Schneider,
James E. Watson,
H. A. Holaday,
F. N. Brown,
Chas. W. Holden,
Philip W. Koppel,
G. T. Whitney,
Frederick Charak,
Edward H. Heckel,
Michael Drudy,
Harry G. Weeks,
Sigmond Stern,
E. M. Healy,
Julius Jensen, Jr.,
August Fredericks,
Edward Young,
Ward G. Thomas,
George H. Thomas,
Herbert C. Farrand,
Louis Boppel,
Joseph Fullman,
Samuel Turner,
Stackwell Tenack,
Frank Leach,
Henry Scherer,
Martin J. Callahan,
Rowland B. Callahan,
Adam Romig,
J. Paul Weeks,
L. A. Weeks,
Alexander McNair,
Albert Gohring,
Felix Gohring,
Mrs. W. Frank,
Wm. Charles Frank,
William A. Cooper,
Samuel Shawcross,
George Shawcross,

Chas. H. Madole,
C. R. Morris,
E. P. Johnson,
J. L. Martin,
Edgar D. Ackerman,
Fred A. Gals,
Jos. A. Durr,
Stephen J. Tydemann,
Harry R. Watkins,
C. C. Dodd,
Chas. H. Gresham,
P. E. Whigg,
Adolph Korman,
Herman Spear,
Thomas O. Macfield,
Peter W. Runglie,
Raymond W. Daziel,
James A. Eiler,
William Bowker, Jr.,
William Bowker,
John Abinson,
W. B. Robinson,

Jacob Freeman,
A. P. Quinby,
Elias Rager,
Routledge Cross,
Arthur Charles,
Thomas H. Cross,
P. G. Hight,
Irving Green,
Henry Albino,
Olivio Chasman,
George M. Cadmus,
Oscar Griffith,
J. D. Ferguson,
George J. Smith,
Edward R. Walker,
Harry C. Walker,
John H. Hays,
S. C. Lighton Catlin,
E. C. Stephens, Jr.,
Paterson Simon,
J. G. Roworth, Jr.,
Albert G. Hest,
Albert G. Hest,
Virginia Weeks,
T. Williams,
R. W. Williams,
A. C. D. D.,
James Ward,
O. C. D. D.,
James E. Eiler,
William H. Eiler,
Charles Bradley,
A. H. Curry,
Samuel Eiler,
Stephen B. Richter, Sr.,
Charles C. Ferguson,
Oscar P. Hopping,
Arthur L. Boyd,
Peter W. Johnson,
W. Neefus,
J. MacLaury,
A. Gaffney,
Nicholas Schneider,
Alexander Parsona,
Thomas Dunbar,
Jeremiah Dean,
Charles Durning,
C. G. Smith,
Wm. B. Van Winkle,
Robert Michae,
Frank Gals,
James Wiley,
John H. Davies,
J. R. Marshall,
John S. Postelch,
Stephen N. Baldwin,
H. H. Thomas,
Charles E. Kopf,
James Bailey,
William W. Warr,
Alexander McNair,
J. A. Dodd,
Robert Dodd,
Peter Noroff, Jr.,
L. C. Haskell,
Albert Carver,
Joseph R. Maxwell,
Charles P. Svenson,
Theodore F. Maxwell,
John H. Hoyer,
Eugene G. Day,
Wesley N. Lockwood,
John G. Keyler,
John H. Keyler,
S. Sanders Neck,
Thomas W. Smith,
Joseph Crocker,
John Kimbanski,
Antonio Kimbanski,
George Holmes,
William Warr,
Charles Beyer,
August Beyer,
John Winkler,
John Meyer,
Wm. Florin,
George Florin,
Francis Kuroski,
W. C. Morris,
Frank Pettit,
Lewis Cockfair,
A. T. Cockfair,
E. C. Cockfair,
John J. Omer,
Charles H. Gilsen,
Norman H. Folom,
James A. Murphy,
John H. Omer,
Harry Cooper,
E. Hawkshurst,
Lewis Collins,
Wm. A. Campbell,
Thos. Wonnaph,
Robert Stein,
Frederick Narsaki,
Anthony Peters,
E. E. Newman,
George Van Winkle,
Ernest Venable,
James M. Cockfair,
Wm. Frederick,
August Fredericks,
Thos. W. Ackerman,
James A. Toura,
Arthur G. Fitching,
W. T. Fitcher,
Immanuel Due,
Adolph Markomita,
John S. Verones,
Jacob Grover,
Samuel Mullane,
John Vavony,
J. Betn,
David Kieley,
Robert Woods,
Andrew Schooby,
Joseph Celbutski,
William Haminski,
Milton S. Cadmus,
Robert E. Clark,
D. L. Clark,
J. V. Smith,
John G. Ferguson,
Jos. C. Morris,
Frank Foster,

James D. Cooper,
Louis A. Eiler,
Charles H. Connor,
E. E. Hanna,
William R. Hanna,
Charles Durning, Jr.,
M. H. Talmadge,
William Loesch,
Harry Cropper,
Emmon H. Crump,
John Hibbert,
Joseph Butterworth,
Robert Ferguson,
Frank Quinby,
Alexander Ferguson,
A. B. Curten,
Thos. Hall,
A. W. Graham,
Charles L. Pitzer,
W. B. Moore,
W. E. Moore,
Edw. D. Crane,

J. C. Beach,
Wm. P. Sutphen,
H. B. Sheldon,
Wm. K. Broughton,
John G. Broughton,
Edward G. Ward,
William S. Ward,
Edward G. Ward, Jr.,
Allison Dodd,
James L. Amerman,
John W. Dunson,
Walter Quincy Scott,
J. E. Capen,
George F. Capen,
B. S. Capen,
C. A. Hungerford,
Charles H. Bailey,
Bess M. Wickham,
Howard Capen,
H. C. Nash,
Wm. E. Chancellor,
E. S. Edder,
E. L. R. Cadmus,
Charles W. Smith,
Edward C. Cockfair,
Silas P. Cummings,
Charles L. Taylor,
Charles L. Robert,
Charles S. Teal,
James N. Jarvis,
D. Neefus,
Fred F. Cooke,
W. S. E. Rowland,
George A. Paul,
Theodore H. Ward,
Wilbur Ward,
Leonard Lewis,
Louis Capen,
D. G. Garabrant,
George B. Conley,
Wm. Douglas Moore,
George M. Wood,
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J. S. W. M. D.,
Thomas Lawson, Jr.,
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Frederick Schuter,
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J. J. Lennon,
John H. Hays,
Leopold Bloch,
H. L. Linder,
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Wm. R. Rawson,
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Frederick R. Fitch,
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Wm. H. Sears,
Albert H. Spear,
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Gust. A. Rist,
John D. Brien,
Joseph Baldwin,
Joseph Mitchell, Jr.,
Wm. B. Louden,
Frank L. Ferguson,
John Banta,
T. R. Schell,
Elvin Hight,

Thomas Oakes,
Frank B. Stone,
James L. Neefus,
Willis Hubbard,
Joseph B. Maxwell,
Charles A. Cook,
Herman Kiebharn,
J. M. Crump,
John Little, Jr.,
L. O. Rowland,
W. W. Wyman,
Franklin A. Stone,
J. M. Snedeker,
Charles Russell,
H. G. Disbrow,
James Russell,
F. E. Langstroth,
J. R. Conlan,
Wm. Linder, Sr.,
James R. Michael,
John F. Dillon,
D. F. Beach,
A. S. Beach,
E. E. Beach,
L. Thorsen Jones,
Horne Crowell,
A. K. Crowell,
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Yesterday closed one of the most extraordinary winter months experienced in this vicinity for many winter seasons. There was snow on the ground the entire month, the weather was steadily cold up to the last few days of the month and an extraordinary storm of almost blizzard magnitude and character was one of the notable events of the month. There was more and better sleighing and skating in the February just closed than has been enjoyed for a long time in this vicinity, and the closing week of the month saw the sidewalks and roads in the most disagreeable and discomforting condition imaginable.

Mountainside Hospital.

Contributions to the Mountainside Hospital in February were sent by Mrs. J. G. Broughton, Dr. J. G. Broughton, Dr. W. A. Broughton, Capt. Mrs. Fredrick Oakes, Mrs. Henry P. Dodd, Mrs. J. W. Dunson, Essex Hook and Ladder Company, Essex Hose Company, Mr. Joseph Garlick, Mrs. Mary H. Perry, Mrs. Rose M. Winkham, Mrs. J. Ward Stafford.

Fortnightly League Club.

The Fortnightly League Club was entertained by Miss Margaret Johanson at her home on Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, on Tuesday afternoon, February 28. Despite the heavy rain twelve of the members were present. The first prize was won by Miss Goerdere and the second by Miss Morris. At 5 o'clock ice-cream and fancy cakes were served.

Opposed to Annexation.

Richard K. Schuyler is authority for the statement that five of the leading hotel keepers in this town are opposed to annexation to Newark, and have positively refused to sign the annexation petition.

AGAINST ANNEXATION.

LOCAL BUSINESS MEN ARE OPPOSED TO IT.

A Well Attended Meeting Held Wednesday Night—Local Patriotism Still a Live Factor—Annexation Offers No Benefits.

The meeting of local business men held in the Bloomfield Building and Loan rooms Wednesday night to discuss the question of annexation to Newark was well attended and the sentiment of the meeting was unanimous in opposition to annexation.

William A. Baldwin presided over the meeting and Charles J. Murray acted as secretary. Among those who participated in the discussion were David G. Garabrant, William A. Baldwin, Dr. W. R. Broughton, Dr. Cornelius, Samuel Eiler, Eli Harris, B. T. Cadmus, A. H. Edgerly, W. Douglas Moore, Herbert C. Farrand, Charles J. Murray, Harry T. Osborne, Hugh D. King and others.

Mr. Garabrant made the opening address and pointed out a number of reasons why the present scheme of annexation was objectionable and ought to be defeated. In the first place the manner and method of proceeding was objectionable. Again, there was no geographical or topographical reason in support of annexation. Mr. Garabrant exhibited a map showing that the respective territories of Bloomfield and Newark are only slightly connected and to pass from one to the other by way of Bloomfield Avenue necessitates going through Belleville territory.

In the matter of taxes Mr. Garabrant did not deem the tax rate such an important factor as some would make it out to be. He was of the opinion that the tendency here was toward lower taxes, while the conditions in Newark were inevitably toward higher taxes. In the matter of schools there was no question but what the town now enjoyed better school facilities than would be derived through Newark, and in the excise question the people would lose control of the saloon question and there would be a great increase in the number of saloons.

William A. Baldwin also gave a careful and conservative view of the situation and made it clear that annexation at this time and under the conditions proposed was not at all to the advantage or interest of Bloomfield.

One of the speakers asserted that annexation meant at least fifty saloons in the town. Dr. Broughton said that Bloomfield had now as fine a school system as any town in the State, and had as good roads as any town. One of the speakers said that a personal investigation of the tax question had led him to conclude that while Bloomfield had a higher tax rate, there was very little difference on the amount of tax paid on properties of about equal value. Charles J. Murray said that if the people of Bloomfield could be given assurances that there was a prospect of a reduction from the tax rate of 1901, which was \$3.25, the annexation sentiment would be killed.

William A. Baldwin and Dr. W. R. Broughton, of the Board of Education, said that in so far as the school expenses were concerned there would be as much of a reduction as was possible without impairing the standard of the schools. Herbert C. Farrand, speaking for the Town Council, said that that body would make every effort to reduce the town expenses. Town Treasurer H. L. Osborne said that the town finances were never in a better condition and there was little doubt that a material reduction in the tax rate would be made.

Mr. Osborne offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The business men of the Town of Bloomfield, in convention assembled, are informed that a bill asking for an election to determine whether the Town of Bloomfield shall be annexed to the City of Newark has been introduced in the present Legislature; and

Whereas, Said bill has not been asked for by any representative body, but on the contrary has been deemed unwise at the present time by a gathering of influential citizens, and is the work solely of private individuals; and

Whereas, The Town of Bloomfield has secured for herself an honorable name as a progressive community, whose roads, schools, parks, sewers, light and fire departments are the equal of any in the State;

Resolved, That as business men, jealous of the good name of our community, desirous of advancing her best interests, rejoicing in the progress made in all matters which promote her attractiveness to city residents who are seeking suburban homes, we do most emphatically protest against legislation designed to destroy local home rule and place our government affairs in the hands of strangers;

Resolved, That our Senator, Hon. Thomas M. McCarter, Jr., and our Representatives in the Legislature, Hon. Robert M. Bord, Jr., and his fellow members from Essex County, be requested to use their utmost endeavors to prevent the enactment of the said

FRANCHISE HEARING.

ON THE APPLICATION OF THE ESSEX CROSS RAILWAY

Given in the Town Council Tuesday Night—Officials of the Watessing M. E. Church Object to the Route—Other Objections Against Perpetual Franchise.

The hearing on the application of the Essex Cross Railway Company for a street railway franchise in this town took place on Tuesday night in the Town Council room.

Francis M. Eppley and John A. Lawrence represented the railroad company, and Samuel and Walter Eiler, George Dawkins and Hugh D. King presented objections against the granting of the franchise.

There were but few people in attendance, doubtless owing to the storm, but the proceedings were interesting throughout and at times amusing, when the disputants engaged in some good natured repartee.

Mr. Eppley, who is an experienced street-railway man, and thoroughly accustomed to address public bodies on the question of franchise, imparted much information on the legal aspects of the subject under discussion.

Mr. Lawrence opened the discussion with a brief statement relative to the application before the Council.

Samuel Eiler followed with the statement that he was there as an objector first as an individual, and secondly on behalf of the general board of the Watessing M. E. Church. As an individual Mr. Eiler objected to the free grant of franchise. He thought the day of free grants of franchise had gone by. Mr. Eiler decidedly objected to the granting of a perpetual franchise. He also objected to double tracks in the streets, and finally urged on the Council not to grant the franchise until the town was assured of every privilege and concession that would be made to East Orange by the railroad company.

In his objection in behalf of the church Mr. Eiler took exception to the route chosen by the company, and pointed out how that in his opinion the railroad would be an injury to the church property and an annoyance to the church service. The railroad as projected makes a half circle around the church property, and there would of necessity be an extraordinary ringing of gongs in turning the street corner, and the grinding of the wheels on the curve would produce much noise. In running cars at fifteen minutes' headway at least twelve cars would pass the church during the hours of service. Mr. Eiler did not deem the proposed railroad one of importance. No one appeared to know where it intended to come from or go to, and he regarded it as a project that the promoters intended to sell to some oil company. He suggested other routes that the company could follow and avoid Lawrence Street.

Mr. Lawrence in reply to Mr. Eiler said that it was conceded that the grievance on the part of the church was a well-founded one and deserving of consideration. The company, he said, had endeavored to procure right of way by routes other than Lawrence Street, but without success. The Lawrence Street route Mr. Lawrence thought would not prove as annoying to the church as Mr. Eiler thinks it will, and the company would be willing to make any arrangements that would reduce to a minimum any possible noises or annoyance with respect to transfers on other roads. Mr. Lawrence said that the Essex Co. Company will accede transfers on other lines that will make a transfer agreement with it.

Mr. Lawrence said that the company proposed to do something for Bloomfield in return for the franchise, and he told of the proposed improvement on the Watessing Lake property, where a company would open a street connection, two important parts of the town.

Mr. Eppley arrived at the town, concluded, and on being informed by the Chairman how far the discussion had proceeded, he began his address with the church objection and cited his former experiences with churches in the matter of trolley lines and also his experience with public schools in the same matter. He told of a conference he had with the Watessing Church Board on with the pastor of the church, and also of the efforts that had been made to secure another route than that through Lawrence Street. He also cited what Mr. Lawrence had said about making arrangements to obviate noises or nuisance, and in regard to particular objection about the grinding of the wheels on the curve, Mr. Eppley said it would be obviated by liberally laying the track every Saturday night. Statement led Mr. Eiler to exclaim "I am afraid Mr. Eppley is too oily for us all."

With respect to double tracks blocking a street, Mr. Eppley cited figures in demonstrating that a double track permitted of more and better driving facilities than a single track.

After a general discussion pro and con of numerous matters pertaining to franchise, giving everybody opportunity to say all they wanted, Chairman Ward declared the hearing closed and the Council took under advisement.

House Fell on Hiss.

A house in course of erection in Centre Street, Franklin, collapsed Wednesday afternoon, and Thomas Costigan, carpenter from this town, was buried under the debris. Although painfully bruised about the head and body, he was not severely injured, and was later removed to his home.

The wrecked building was owned by Louis Zimmer, a Franklin carpenter and builder. Some time ago he bought a house in Bloomfield, and after taking it apart removed the frame work to Franklin. Upon a lot he owned in Centre Street, near East Passale Avenue, he started to reconstruct the building, but instead of laying a foundation built the house upon posts. While Costigan was at work shingling the roof the building fell and the workman was buried under the ruins.

Violin and Piano Instruction at pupils home or teacher's residence. For terms address William J. Maier, No. 140 Fairmount Avenue, Newark, N. J.—Advt.

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Samuel Eiler followed with the statement that he was there as an objector first as an individual, and secondly on behalf of the general board of the Watessing M. E. Church. As an individual Mr. Eiler objected to the free grant of franchise. He thought the day of free grants of franchise had gone by. Mr. Eiler decidedly objected to the granting of a perpetual franchise. He also objected to double tracks in the streets, and finally urged on the Council not to grant the franchise until the town was assured of every privilege and concession that would be made to East Orange by the railroad company.

In his objection in behalf of the church Mr. Eiler took exception to the route chosen by the company, and pointed out how that in his opinion the railroad would be an injury to the church property and an annoyance to the church service. The railroad as projected makes a half circle around the church property, and there would of necessity be an extraordinary ringing of gongs in turning the street corner, and the grinding of the wheels on the curve would produce much noise. In running cars at fifteen minutes' headway at least twelve cars would pass the church during the hours of service. Mr. Eiler did not deem the proposed railroad one of importance. No one appeared to know where it intended to come from or go to, and he regarded it as a project that the promoters intended to sell to some oil company. He suggested other routes that the company could follow and avoid Lawrence Street.

Mr. Lawrence in reply to Mr. Eiler said that it was conceded that the grievance on the part of the church was a well-founded one and deserving of consideration. The company, he said, had endeavored to procure right of way by routes other than Lawrence Street, but without success. The Lawrence Street route Mr. Lawrence thought would not prove as annoying to the church as Mr. Eiler thinks it will, and the company would be willing to make any arrangements that would reduce to a minimum any possible noises or annoyance with respect to transfers on other roads. Mr. Lawrence said that the Essex Co. Company will accede transfers on other lines that will make a transfer agreement with it.

Mr. Lawrence said that the company proposed to do something for Bloomfield in return for the franchise, and he told of the proposed improvement on the Watessing Lake property, where a company would open a street connection, two important parts of the town.

Mr. Eppley arrived at the town, concluded, and on being informed by the Chairman how far the discussion had proceeded, he began his address with the church objection and cited his former experiences with churches in the matter of trolley lines and also his experience with public schools in the same matter. He told of a conference he had with the Watessing Church Board on with the pastor of the church, and also of the efforts that had been made to secure another route than that through Lawrence Street. He also cited what Mr. Lawrence had said about making arrangements to obviate noises or nuisance, and in regard to particular objection about the grinding of the wheels on the curve, Mr. Eppley said it would be obviated by liberally laying the track every Saturday night. Statement led Mr. Eiler to exclaim "I am afraid Mr. Eppley is too oily for us all."

With respect to double tracks blocking a street, Mr. Eppley cited figures in demonstrating that a double track permitted of more and better driving facilities than a single track.

After a general discussion pro and con of numerous matters pertaining to franchise, giving everybody opportunity to say all they wanted, Chairman Ward declared the hearing closed and the Council took under advisement.

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A house in course of erection in Centre Street, Franklin, collapsed Wednesday afternoon, and Thomas Costigan, carpenter from this town, was buried under the debris. Although painfully bruised about the head and body, he was not severely injured, and was later removed to his home.

The wrecked building was owned by Louis Zimmer, a Franklin carpenter and builder. Some time ago he bought a house in Bloomfield, and after taking it apart removed the frame work to Franklin. Upon a lot he owned in Centre Street, near East Passale Avenue, he started to reconstruct the building, but instead of laying a foundation built the house upon posts. While Costigan was at work shingling the roof the building fell and the workman was buried under the ruins.

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